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SUBJECT: MEETING OF EWG SUB-GROUP ON STRENGTHENING GREEK AND
TURKISH LOCAL FORCES, MAY 10

REF: A. USNATO 1359; B. USNATO 5469 (NOV 73-NOTAL)

SUMMARY. AT MAY 10 MEETING OF EWG SUB-GROUP ON GREEK AND
TURKISH LOCAL FORCES, SUB-GROUP REVIEWED FIRST DRAFT OF REPORT
TO EWG AND BRIEFLY DISCUSSED SUB-GROUPS FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.
ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON DIRECTIONN ON FUTURE WORK FOR SUB-
GROUP.
END SUMMARY.

1. AT MAY 10 MEETING , EWGS SUB-GROUP ON STRENGTHENING GREEK
AND TURKISH LOCAL FORCES DISCUSSED FIRST DRAFT OF REPORT TO
EWG PROJECTED IN REFTEL A. FRG, GREECE, ITALY, TURKEY, UK,
US AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ATTENDED MEETING.

2. REPORT, POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE, DESCRIBES WORK OF
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SUB-GROUP (SG) THUS FAR AND CONTAINS ANNEXES OF DRAFT FORCE
GOALS FOR GEEEEE AND TURKEY AS THEY EMERGED FROM DRC DIS-
CUSSIONS, DIVIDED INTO THE THREE CATEGORIES DISCUSSED REFTEL B.

3. BECAUSE DRAFT REPORT INDICATED THAT AIM OF SG WAS "TO FIND PRACTICAL WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURE PROPOSED", US REP REMINDED SG THAT PROVISION AND AMOUNT OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE WAS A MATTER FOR BILATERAL, NOT MULTILATERAL, DISCUSSIONS AND SUGGESTED THAT SG REVIEW THE BROADER AIMS CONTAINED IN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE (AC/281-DS(73)3 OF AUGUST 9, 1973) FOR FUTURE DIRECTION OF WORK. TURKISH REP CONCURRED AND CHAIRMAN SAID THAT SG WOULD DISCUSS FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AT ITS NEXT MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTONS SUGGESTIONS FOR DIRECTION OF FUTURE SG WORK.

4. TURKISH REP RECALLED DRC AGREEMENT THAT DRAFT FORCE GOALS IN EXTERNAL AID CATEGORY FOR GREECE AND TURKEY WERE "AS MUCH A LIST OF FORCE GOALS FOR THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE" AS FOR THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND ASKED THAT SUCH WORDING BE INCLUDED IN NEXT VERSION OF REPORT. US REP CONCURRED AND POINTED OUT VALUE TO GREECE AND TURKEY IF NUMBER OF ALLIES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WERE INCREASED BEYOND PRESENT, LIMITED NUMBER.

5. ANNEXES OF DRAFT REPORT CONTAINED ASTERISKS IDENTIFYING THOSE DRAFT FORCE GOALS WHICH APPEARED ON "US ESSENTIAL LIST" US REP RECALLED RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE AND REQUESTED DELETION OF IDENTIFYING ASTERISKS. SG AGREED.

6. CHAIRMAN WILL REVISE NARRATIVE PORTION OF DRAFT REPORT AND REISSUE IT. WE WILL SEND BY MESSAGE WHEN RECEIVED. DATE FOR NEXT SG MEETING IS NOT YET SET. RUMSFELD

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